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### Plowin' Time.

March winds a-blowin', boys, and  
spring is in the air!  
Git the plowin' harness out and put  
it in repair;  
Splice the busted hame-string, and  
sew the buckle tight  
On Sorrel Billy's bellyband, and—  
yes, I guess you might  
He them leather traces, jist a half  
a dozen drops;  
For plowin' time is comin', and  
we've got to plant the crops.

March winds a-blowin' stiff, and  
here and there is snow—  
Shady sides o' fences, but it's bound  
soon to go.

For jist now I heered a bird (I bet  
he was a jay)  
Cullin' 'em the rehard in a sassy  
sort o' way;  
And lubbylink are pipin' in the  
slippy-ellin' tops;  
And plowin' time is comin', and  
we'll git to plant the crops.

March winds a-blowin' loud, and  
nol but hail! they keen?  
Still the winter wheat, I see, is gettin'  
peart and green;  
I'm sort o' sleet o' winter, with its  
slippy-shopp'y ways,  
And longin' for the summertime,  
that's jolly o' balmy days;  
And now I'm shore it's near us.  
There's a tend—see how behops  
Yes, plowin' time is comin', and  
we'll soon be plantin' crops.

March winds a-blowin', boys, but  
jeeniny! what o' that?  
Grease your brogan shoes agin and  
bunt your summer hat;  
Roll the cultivator out and ile the  
wheels a bit,  
And give the hosses exercise to  
make 'em fresh and fit.  
Sprin' is in the air today, and Time  
never stops;

So plowin' time is comin', and hoo-  
ray for growing crops!

—Robertus Love.

An Irishman got out of a carriage  
at a railway station for refresh-  
ments, but the bell rang and the  
train left before he had finished his  
repast. "Hould on!" cried Pat, as  
he ran like a mad-man after the  
car. "Hould on, ye ould stame in-  
jun! Ye've got a passenger on  
board what's left behind!"—Woman's World.

April 2nd Special at Gem. 4  
reels.

## Can You Draw A Check

every month for every item  
you owe?

Your effort to reach that  
business-like status will be  
stimulated and supported by  
having a checking account at the

## Monroe City Bank

For then you will plan to add  
to it, multiply it and create a  
cash reserve always expressed  
in figures larger than your  
liabilities.

## TRY IT

### Mining the Soil.

We all know that mining is tak-  
ing from the earth the minerals  
that nature stored there, and that  
when those minerals are exhausted,  
the mines are worthless. Can it not  
be truthfully said that the common  
farm practice is that of mining? It  
is taking from the land those ele-  
ments that nature originally stored  
there, and most of them are min-  
erals or mineral salts. Lime, phos-  
phate, potash, iron, etc., and when  
they are exhausted the soil, like the  
mines, is worthless. What are farm-  
ers doing to replace these good  
things that nature placed there?  
Very little. Light applications of  
fertilizers are used in the South to  
grow cotton, corn, oats and wheat,  
but not enough to more than act  
as a stimulus for the one crop, the  
following season. Little or no build-  
ing up of the land is practiced, nor  
could it be done by these applica-  
tions of fertilizers; farmers could  
not afford to pay for enough fertiliz-  
ers to permanently improve their  
fields. And yet all of these fertiliz-  
ers contain at least three elements  
necessary for permanent improve-  
ment: nitrogen, phosphorus and po-  
tash, and they contain all the farm-  
ers are willing to pay for and in  
this way they get all they pay for.  
In order to restore the natural fer-  
tility and lasting fecundity of our  
Southern soils we must use the nat-  
ural elements in larger quantities  
and to do so it must be done in  
crude forms so as to make it cheap  
enough.

Ground limestone or hydrated  
lime for the lime, ground raw rock  
phosphate for phosphorus and rock

potash for potash—if it is needed—  
but what about the nitrogen? In  
any purchased form nitrogen is  
costly. Then do not purchase it;  
grow it. This is the only element,  
and the most costly, and most nec-  
essary, that can be returned to the  
soil by any natural method of  
growth. Farmers, stop mining your  
land of its minerals, or at least, re-  
turn to it more than you take out.  
Our Country.

### Calls Col. Buffum a Steam Engine.

The Des Moines Road Maker, a  
periodical devoted to what its name  
implies, says of Col. Frank W. Buf-  
fum, State Highway Commissioner  
of Missouri: "As a road builder  
Mr. Buffum is a steam engine. Some  
think that he is away ahead of  
his time but they don't know the  
man. He argues that the time for  
building good, permanent roads is  
now." Since he was appointed by  
Gov. Major the Pike county road  
enthusiast has visited nearly every  
county in Missouri. Many of the  
out-of-the-way places he reaches by  
automobile. He is whipping 'em  
into line all over the State. We  
might term it the Buffumization of  
Missouri.—Ralls Co. Record.

An enterprising newspaper corre-  
spondent of Mexico has gathered  
data to the effect that Douglas coun-  
ty was the only one of the 114  
counties of Missouri in which there  
were no slaves at the beginning of  
the civil war. He gives the follow-  
ing data as to other counties of  
that section of the state: Audrain  
had 327 slave owners who owned  
1,166 slaves; Pike county, 871 own-  
ers with 4,055 slaves; Randolph 504  
owners with 2,619 slaves; Ralls, 378  
owners with 1,791 slaves and Mon-  
roe county with 733 owners and  
3,021 slaves.—St. Joseph Observer

### Diamonds Worth \$5,000,000.

The production of diamonds from  
the earliest times to the present day  
amounts to over 28 tons, or over  
\$1,000,000,000 in value, uncut.  
Their value cut and mounted is: 1-  
most \$3,000,000,000. A box three  
feet high, six feet wide and eight  
feet long would contain them.  
Nearly all diamonds of the present  
day come South Africa.—Ex.

Dr. Hornback Oculist and Aurist  
Hannibal, Mo.

R. L. Robinson and family have  
moved to Maryville where Mr. Rob-  
inson has a good position. They  
are fine people and all wish them  
well in their new home.

Don't buy garden seed until you  
have visited Bull's. He has them  
in the bulk. 3-26

J. O. Cozad and wife have moved  
to their farm near Warren. For  
sometime Mr. Cozad's health has  
not been good. His friends hope  
for his speedy recovery to good  
health.

Buy just as many or as few gar-  
den seed as you need at Bull's for  
he has them in the bulk. 3-36

Miss Susie Ryan went to Hanni-  
bal Saturday to spend a few days  
with her brother, S. H. Ryan.

Buy your Spring Clothes from  
Lane The Tailor. Suits \$25 to 40.

Miss Mary Stephens, of Ely spent  
Saturday in this city.

White kid gloves cleaned at  
Tailor Shop.

Mrs. P. C. Cessna came in Satur-  
day from Macon for a ten days visit  
with her son, W. H. Cessna and  
wife.

For Sale—Texas Red Seed oats  
at 50 cents per bushel.—J. M. Pro-  
ctor. 3-26.

Benj. Ederick, of Quincy spent  
the week end with friends here.

For Sale.  
Yearling Shorthorn Bull. Fine  
color. L. O. Wilson.  
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We guarantee Sechler Buggies.  
Wade & Dawson.

## MRS. MCGILL BROKE DOWN

**Gives the Real Facts In Regard to  
Her Case and Tells How She  
Suffered.**

Jonesboro, Ark.—"I suffered a com-  
plete break down in health, some time  
ago," writes Mrs. A. McGill, from this  
place. "I was very weak and could  
not do any work. I tried different  
remedies, but they did me no good.

One day, I got a bottle of Cardui. It  
did me so much good, I was surprised,  
and took some more.  
Before I took Cardui, I had headache  
and backache, and sometimes I would  
cry for hours. Now I am over all that,  
and can do all kinds of housework. I  
think it is the greatest medicine on  
earth."

In the past fifty years, thousands of  
ladies have written, like Mrs. McGill,  
to tell of the benefit received from  
Cardui.

Such testimony, from earnest women,  
surely indicates the great value of this  
tonic remedy, for diseases peculiar to  
women. Are you a sufferer? Yes?  
Cardui is the medicine you need.  
We urge you to try it.

N. B.—Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chat-  
tanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special  
Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment  
for Women," sent in plain wrapper, on request.

### 120 Years Ago.

Every gentleman wore a queue  
and powdered his hair.

Imprisonment for a debt was a  
common practice.

There was not a public library in  
the United States.

Almost all the furniture was im-  
ported from England.

An old copper mine in Connecti-  
cut was a prison.

A day laborer considered him-  
self well paid at twenty-five cents  
a day.

There was only one hat factory  
and that made cocked hats.

Crockery plates were objected to  
because they dulled the knives.

A man who jeered at the preach-  
er or criticised the sermon was  
fined.

Virginia contained a fifth of the  
whole population of the country.

A gentleman bowing to a lady  
always scraped his foot on the  
ground.

Two stage coaches bore all the  
travel between New York and  
Boston.

The whipping post and pillory  
were still standing in New York  
and Boston.

Beef, pork, salt fish, potatoes and  
honey were the staple diet all the  
year round.

Buttons were scarce and expen-  
sive and the trousers were fastened  
with laces.

There were no manufactures in  
this country and every house wife  
raised her own flax and made her  
own linen.

The church collection was taken  
on a bag at the end of a pole, with  
a bell attached to rouse sleepy con-  
tributors.

Leather breeches, a checked  
shirt, a red flannel jacket and a  
cocked hat formed the dress of  
an artisan.

When a man had enough tea he  
placed his spoon across the cup to  
indicate that he wanted no more.

A new arrival in jail was set up-  
on by his fellow prisoners and  
robbed of all he had.—Ex.

Miss Pearl Melson of Lakenan  
visited Mrs. Josephine Hibbard the  
last of the week. She was enroute  
home after attending the Royal  
Neighbors Convention at Sedalia.

Don't forget John R. Fahy's sale  
Monday March 30.

The United States Express Co.,  
has decided to liquidate its affairs  
and dissolve at the earliest possible  
time. The parcels post and the re-  
duction of express rates puts it out  
of business.

John Giest and wife, of Ely were  
here shopping Saturday.

### Some Interesting Old Papers.

J. A. B. McElroy, of Rensselaer  
was in town Tuesday taking out  
letters of administration on the es-  
tate of his mother, Mrs. Cordelia F.  
McElroy, who died the 9th. He had  
some very interesting old papers,  
the property of his mother's estate.  
One of them is a receipt for the sale  
of slaves. It reads as follows:  
"Know all men by these presents  
that I, Luke Gardner, of Ralls Coun-  
ty and State of Missouri, have this  
day bargained and sold unto War-  
ren Finley, of the county and state  
aforesaid, a negro woman named  
Jane, aged 24 years, and a child 18  
months old, named Manda, slaves  
for life, for and in consideration of  
the sum of four hundred dollars. I  
hereby and further agree to warrant  
said woman and child to be sound  
and healthy. In witness whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand and  
seal this 3d day of December, 1832.  
Luke Gardner."

Another receipt reads:

"Rec'd of Warren Finley \$690 in  
part of his tax for the year 1843  
and one wolf pelt for \$7.00 if it  
answers the same purpose as mon-  
ey, if not to be returned to Warren  
Finley the 20th day of December,  
1843.  
John Jameson,  
Sheriff of Ralls County.

By his deputy, Wm. Maddox."  
Another was a receipt to Warren  
Finley for \$1,050 for a negro boy  
named George, 18 years old.

Another was a receipt from W.  
H. Pollard to Warren Finley for  
\$325 paid for a negro girl thirteen  
years old.

Another receipt given Warren  
Finley for \$3.31 in full of his state  
and county taxes for the year 1833,  
signed by Dabney Jones, Col-  
lector Ralls Co., by his deputy,  
Thos. T. Rhodes.—Ralls County  
Record.

### Aid the Editor.

One of the most difficult tasks in  
a newspaper office is getting the  
facts relative to births, deaths and  
marriages in the community. Many  
people take it for granted that when  
a person dies, the editor is familiar  
with every detail of the life of the  
deceased and his activities, when as  
a fact he knows absolutely nothing  
about him, but he has to get his in-  
formation from other sources, same  
as other persons would have to do.  
It is the same with regard to mar-  
riages or other more or less impor-  
tant happenings in the community.  
In almost every case the editor has  
to dig up the particulars or to satis-  
fy himself and the readers of his pa-  
per with a meager and inaccurate  
account. The average editor of a  
country paper has something like a  
million and a half of things to do  
and think about in a week and the  
patrons can hardly overestimate  
how much he appreciates any effort  
they make in furnishing him the  
facts for news items.—Ex.

Sechler buggies are guaranteed  
perfect in every way. See the new  
styles at Wade & Dawson's.

Mrs. C. L. Drescher and Mrs.  
George Dye attended the Royal  
Neighbor Convention at Sedalia the  
last of the week. Mrs. Drescher  
was the delegate from this Camp.

Some German friend contributed  
this to the cheer-up literature of the  
day: "Schmile und the world  
schmiles mit you; laugh, und the  
world vill roar; howl, und the world  
vill leaf you, und nefer come pack  
any more; for all of us couldn't peen  
handsome, nor all of us veer goot  
clothes; but a schmile vas not eggs-  
bensive, und covers a world of  
woes."

Don't buy a buggy until you have  
seen the new Sechler buggies at—  
Wade & Dawson's.

Miss Georgia Thompkins, of New  
London came in from Shelby Saturday  
for a short visit in the home  
of Dr. S. Maddox.